

## Whether Common or Not.

### Little Tumble Down.

Black-eyed little Tumble Down,  
Always in disaster;  
Tumbles out of rocking chairs,  
Tumbles down the winding stairs—  
Tumbles follow faster.  
But her dimpled face soon clears  
And she's smiling through her tears.

Little Tumble Down will climb  
Where she is not wanted;  
Climbs where others dare not tread,  
Falls and bumps her little head—  
Climbs again, undaunted.  
Then, in laughing glee, she will  
Tumble Down while standing still.

Jolly little Tumble Down,  
Though you fail in trying,  
Mamma rubs the bump, and then  
Up you jump and try again—  
Not a moment crying.  
Bumps and bruises cannot stay  
Tumble Down from childish play.

Little sweetheart Tumble Down,  
Though your feet unsteady,  
Peeping from your tattered shoes,  
Give you many a painful bruise,  
Yet, dear one, already,  
Firm, unwav'ring from the start  
You have walked into my heart.

Gift from heaven, Tumble Down,  
For you I am praying.  
May the hand of Him above,  
Reaching down in tender love,  
Keep your feet from straying.  
May His great love be a crown  
On thy tresses, Tumble Down.

### Confiding.

"Weakerly believes everything he hears."  
"Yes, Weakerly actually believes one of Kitchener's traps will yet catch Dewet."

### A Great Scheme.

"I wonder how Schemerly made all of his money."  
"He advertised to give a shingle-nail with every pair of suspenders, and the result was that he retired with a fortune in less than three months."

### Disappointed.

"I thought to make my son a soldier, but I find that all my hopes are doomed to disappointment."  
"Why do you say that?"  
"My boy has an impediment in his speech and he refuses to learn to swim."

### Easy Promotion.

"People used to call Spouter colonel, but now they call him general. What brought about the promotion?"  
"Haven't you heard? Why, Spouter got to telling how he would like to hang every man who disagreed with the administration."

### Based on Reason.

The committee appointed to protest against the senator's course in relation to the bill under consideration was ushered into the committee room.  
"I am delighted to see you, gentlemen," said Senator Getthere. "To what am I indebted for the honor of this visit?"  
"Senator Getthere," said the spokesman of the delegation, "we have come to ask you why you are supporting the coal barge subsidy bill. You know the people of your state are not interested in the coal carrying trade except to have the freight rates reduced. A few months ago you were opposing this

measure with all your strength. Now you are supporting it. May we ask the reason for your change of position?"

"Gentlemen, you are entitled to know my reasons for changing my attitude towards this measure," said Senator Getthere, rising from his seat and facing the delegation with a determined look upon his face. Three months ago it was my plain duty to oppose this measure, but times have changed. I—"

"But, senator," protested the spokesman, "the bill is the same today that it was when you opposed it."

"One moment, please, gentlemen. What you say is true. But as I was about to remark, while it was my duty—my plain duty—to oppose this bill a few months ago, I have been forced to yield by a higher power."

"May we ask what that power is?"  
"Certainly, gentlemen," said Senator Getthere, drawing his form to its full height. "That higher power is destiny—destiny!"

As there was no way of avoiding the argument the delegation withdrew. As the last member disappeared down the corridor Senator Getthere shoved some stock of the International Coal Barge Navigation company into his pocket and whispered to himself:

"I have always felt that it was my destiny to acquire great wealth."

### Irresistible.

"My dear Miss Lotsdough, I have a flourishing business, a comfortable bank account and a handsome residence on Beacon Hill. Will you share these with me?"

"I appreciate your offer, Mr. Flubberly, but I am sorry to say—"

"Stay, Miss Lotsdough; I am already a lieutenant of industry with excellent chances of promotion, and I—"

"Pardon me, Mr. Flubberly, but I must still de—"

"One moment, please, Miss Lotsdough. Will nothing alter your decision?"

"Nothing, Mr. Flubberly. I can never marry a man who—"

"But, Miss Lotsdough, I am the champion ping-pong player of the state and—"

"O, my dear Chawles, I am yours forever."

### Aunt Jerusha.

"I have been hearin' a good deal about 'captains of industry' lately," remarked Aunt Jerusha, looking up from her paper, "but after readin' this report about th' doin's of congress I've come to th' conclusion that most of them captains is bounty jumpers."

### His Explanation.

"Your people are all farmers, senator, but I note you voted for the ship subsidy bill. How do you explain your action?"

"Your question is easily answered," replied Senator Graball. "I am not elected by the people."

### Amply Qualified.

"What are your qualifications for the office you seek in the war department?"

"Sir, I am so densely ignorant of the art of war that I feel quite capable of picking to pieces any and every plan

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submitted by men who have spent their lives in the service."

"Anything else?"

"Yes, sir; my ignorance of army affairs fits me for the task of drafting a bill for the reorganization of the army."

"Yes?"

"And I am so thoroughly convinced that the insurrection is suppressed that I can think of four hundred and sixty-three reasons why the army in the Philippines should be increased."

"Consider yourself engaged, sir; and at your own salary."

### Brain Leaks.

Some men vote as they prey.

Men never go to heaven by joining the preacher.

Indolent Wish is forever envious of Energetic Endeavor.

A hope for the future is better than a regret for the past.

It takes something more than a house to make a home.

Too many men whisper their likes and shout their dislikes.

We often achieve our greatest successes by utterly failing.

Dreadful dreams are sometimes the penalty of a disordered conscience.

Often there is no appreciable difference between strenuousness and conceit.

Some men imitate the foolishness of Solomon and imagine that they are as wise as he.

The man who always stops to pick up a pin seldom manages to pick up an opportunity.

Usually the chief difference between preaching and practice is in the amounts of the salaries.

Doubtless the captains of industry believe they are entitled to it because the people seem to like it.

There is something radically wrong with the religion of men and women who seek the softest pews and the shortest sermons.

The quavering voice of an aged Christian mother makes sweeter music to angel ears than the notes of the finest pipe organ ever erected.

—Will M. Maupin.

## Weekly Press Forum

**Kosse (Tex.) Cyclone:** A great majority of the newspapers of this country voice the sentiments of the general masses in refusing to approve the sending of special embassies to represent this government at the crowning of King Edward. We are maintaining in England a diplomatic representation worthy this coming event or anything else of its kind, and we cannot recall the time when England sent a special representative to witness the inauguration of a president of the United States.

**Troy (O.) Democrat:** In their fussy efforts to prepare for the coronation of King Edward, the administration and its satellites almost, if not quite, overlooked the birthday anniversary of the gallant soldier, statesman and patriot, who licked the daylight out of Eddie's royal ancestor. It is presumed that the United States envoys will, at the coronation, make free and ample apologies for the conduct of their forbears and they may even offer to indemnify the British government for the tea that was dumped into Boston harbor one dark night.

**Sigourney (Ia.) Review:** Senator Allison of Iowa is said to be exerting his efforts toward furthering the passage of the ship subsidy bill. We presume this is true. Allison has not represented the people of Iowa for a good many years. We wonder how many men in Iowa, throwing their



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political opinions aside, believe that this gang of millionaires should be paid for building and operating ships. If Mr. Allison were to talk plainly and honestly with the farmers of his state we wonder how he would explain that these rich fellows should be fostered by the government and not the farmers.

**Lincoln, Neb.) Independent:** It is altogether probable that some of the little bankers out west who have been backing up Wall street for the past twenty years will get their eyes opened when they read the currency bill favorably reported to the house. If they want to descend from independent business men to the position of bank clerks let them go on whooping it up for the republican party. Wall street would swallow every one of them in less than ten years under the provisions of that act.

**Newark (N. J.) Ledger:** When a continental king, prince, duke or duchess dies special ambassadors are sent by the British crown to express condolences. But King Edward did not send an embassy to present condolences to the American nation on the occasion of the assassination of President McKinley. Why should our clerks in Washington, our servants in their proper name, go counter to the sound principles of a democratic form of government by sending a caboodle of nobodies dressed in scarlet plush knee breeches, gold-laced coats and dress swords, to fawn, cringe and flunkey before Mr. Albert Wettin, head ringmaster of the costliest circus on earth?

### FOOD DOES IT.

Restores Health More Surely Than Any Medicine.

It is a short road to trouble when the food does not supply the right material to rebuild the brain. You cannot use the brain without breaking down small particles every day, and you cannot rebuild unless the food furnishes the right kind of building material, and that is albumen and phosphate of potash. Not such as you get from the druggist, but such as Nature stores in certain kinds of food.

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A brain worker whose name can be given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich., writes: "Last fall I got in a desperate condition through excessive mental work and lack of proper food. I was finally compelled to abandon all business and seek absolute quiet and rest in the country."

I had been under the care of a good physician for several months, but it seemed my food did not rebuild the brain tissue properly. I was on the verge of despair when I left for the country.

Down at the ferry I purchased an evening journal and my attention was attracted to the headlines of a Grape-Nuts advertisement which read, 'Food Cure Nature's Way.' I read it carefully and decided to give Grape-Nuts a trial, so next morning I went in on the new food and in two weeks' time gained 10 pounds and felt like a new man all over.

I candidly believe if I had known the remarkable sustaining power of the food prior to my illness I would not have needed a physician nor would I have been sick at all."